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The Montana Masquer production of "The Fantasticks" will tour the Orient from Oct. 20 through Dec. 15, Dr. Firman H. Brown Jr., chairman of the Montana State University Drama Department, announced.

Dr. Brown, director of the show, and 11 Masquers will stage the musical for servicemen in the Pacific Command. The tour is sponsored by the USO and the American Educational Theater Association as a free entertainment service for overseas military personnel.

Before embarking on the overseas tour, the Masquers will perform "The Fantasticks" in the University Theater Oct. 4 and 5. The Jones and Schmidt musical, which has enjoyed a long off-Broadway run, opened the 1962-63 Masquer season, playing for a week to full houses in the Masquer Theater last October.

Members of the touring company, besides Brown, are James Terrell, Billings, cast as El Gallo; Doug James, Kalispell, the boy; Judy Fisher, Blackfoot, Idaho, and Patsy Maxson, Missoula, alternating as the girl; Roger DeBourg, Red Lodge, Bellamy; John Bailey, Kalispell, Huckelbee; Delbert Unruh, Glendive, the old actor; Lester Hankinson, Kalispell, the young actor; George Baldwin, Sunburst, the mute, and David Hunt, Kalispell, and Bruce Buckingham, Terry, pianists.

At the close of the seven-week tour, the company will spend a week in Japan before returning to Missoula.

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